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**GAIL FARBER, Director**

July 19, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

17 July 19, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION  
OF AN AIRSPACE EASEMENT EAST OF LA MADRID DRIVE  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CANYON COUNTRY  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action will allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate an easement for airspace (visibility, line-of-sight) purposes east of La Madrid Drive in the unincorporated community of Canyon Country, which is no longer needed for public use. The vacation has been requested by the underlying property owner to enhance its property and provide an additional buildable area.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Find that the easement for airspace purposes east of La Madrid Drive in the unincorporated community of Canyon Country has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8333(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.
3. Find that the easement for airspace purposes east of La Madrid Drive in the unincorporated community of Canyon Country is excess and there are no other public facilities located within the easement and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8333(c) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

4. Adopt the Resolution of Summary Vacation.

5. Upon approval, authorize the Director of Public Works to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the County of Los Angeles (County) to vacate the easement for airspace purposes east of La Madrid Drive (Easement) in the unincorporated community of Canyon Country, since it no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public use.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The vacation of the Easement will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation and reduce the County's exposure to potential liability.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The vacation of the Easement will not have a negative fiscal impact on the County's budget. The applicant has paid a \$1,000 fee to defray the expense of the investigation. This amount has been deposited into the Road Fund. The fee was authorized by your Board in a resolution adopted May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321(d) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The airspace easement area to be vacated contains approximately 27 square feet and is shown on the map that is attached to the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation.

The California Streets and Highways Code Section 8333(a) provides that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate a public service easement if the easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation.

The California Streets and Highways Code Section 8333(c) provides that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate a public service easement if the easement has been determined to be excess by the easement holder and there are no other public facilities located within the easement.

The County's interest in the Easement was acquired in 2004 by dedication in Tract No. 46018-10, filed in Book 1298, pages 52 to 67, inclusive, of Maps, in the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk as an easement for airspace visibility purposes.

The Department of Public Works' Land Development and Traffic & Lighting Divisions reviewed the proposed vacation and determined that the easement for airspace visibility purposes dedicated on Tract No. 46018-10 in Lot 24 was not required and can be vacated.

Sikand Engineering Associates, on behalf of the underlying property owner, Monte Verde Development Company, requested the vacation of the Easement to enhance its property and provide an additional buildable area.

Adoption of the enclosed resolution and the subsequent recordation will terminate the County's rights and interest in the Easement. Your action will result in the property being unencumbered by the Easement and available to the property owner for use without restriction of the Easement.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15305 and 15321 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which state that this class of projects consisting of minor alterations in land use, limitations, and actions to revoke entitlement for use, issued and adopted by the regulatory agency, have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will allow for additional property taxes through the vacation of the unnecessary airspace easement.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, together with a copy of your Board's minute order. Retain one original for your files.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

7/19/2011

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset  
Management)  
Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

**RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION OF AN AIRSPACE  
EASEMENT EAST OF LA MADRID DRIVE**

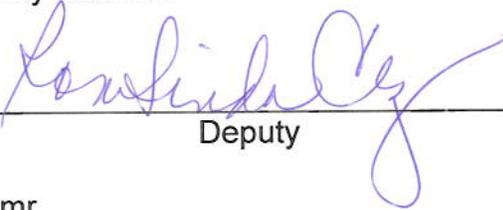
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County of Los Angeles is the holder of an easement for airspace purposes (hereinafter referred to as the Easement) in, over, and across the real property legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto. The Easement, east of La Madrid Drive, is located in the unincorporated community of Canyon Country in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
2. The Easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation.
3. The Easement is excess, and there are no other public facilities located within the easement.
4. The Easement is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9, of the California Streets and Highways Code, State of California, commencing with Section 8330.
5. The Director of Public Works is authorized to record the certified original resolution in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the Easement will no longer be a public easement.
6. From and after the date this resolution is recorded, the Easement will no longer constitute a public service easement.

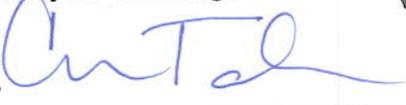
The foregoing resolution was on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts for which said Board so acts.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy

SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By   
Deputy



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**EXHIBIT A**

Project Name: **AIRSPACE EASEMENT EAST  
OF LA MADRID DRIVE 1-1VAC**  
File with: LA MADRID DRIVE (1)  
A.I.N. 2812-088-024 (Portion)  
T.G. 4461-F6  
I.M. 264-137  
R.D. 553  
S.D. 5  
P.C.A. M0788111

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

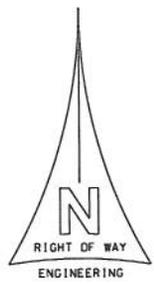
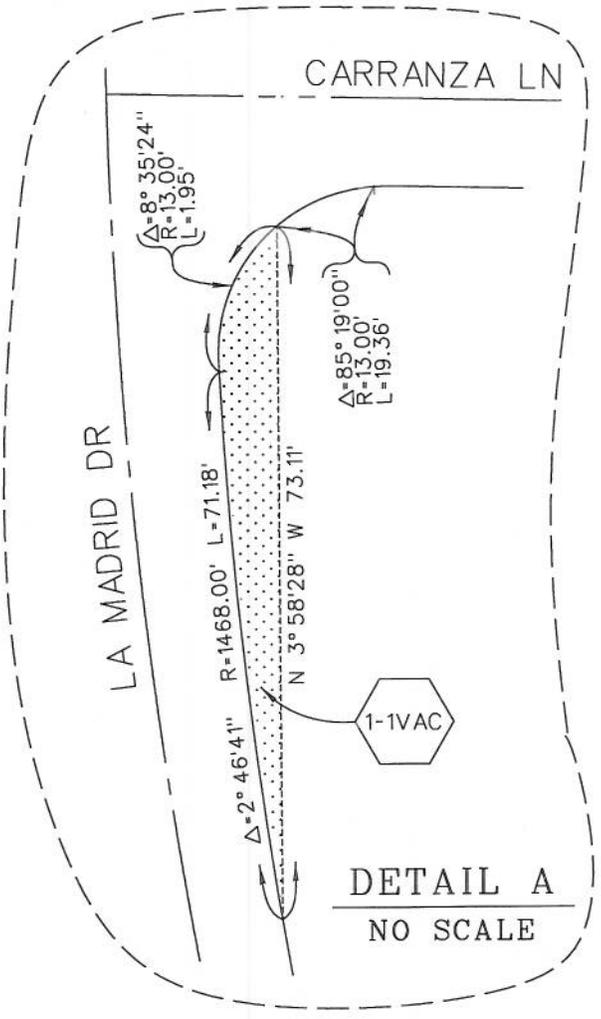
**PARCEL NO. 1-1VAC** (Vacation of airspace easement):

That portion of Lot 24, Tract No. 46018-10, as shown on map filed in Book 1298, pages 52 to 67, inclusive, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, shown and designated as "AIRSPACE EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR AIRSPACE VISIBILITY PURPOSES" on said map.

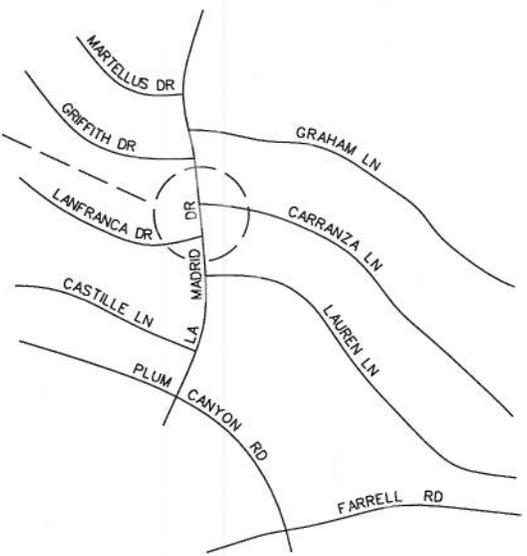
Containing: 27± square feet

APPROVED AS TO DESCRIPTION
<u>May 18</u> , 2011
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
By <u>[Signature]</u>
SUPERVISING CADASTRAL ENGINEER III Survey/Mapping and Property Management Division

This real property description has been prepared in conformance with the Professional Land Surveyors Act. The signatory herein is exempt pursuant to Section 8726 of the California Business and Professions Code.



SUBJECT LOCATION



### EXHIBIT B

LEGEND				REVISIONS		
Proposed Airspace Easement to be vacated Total Area = 27± s.f.				1.	2.	3.
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS				SURVEY/MAPPING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION		
SD. 5	RD. 553	A.I.N. 2812-088-024	T.G. 4461-F6	AIRSPACE EASEMENT E/O LA MADRID DRIVE		DRAWING NO. M0788111
SCALE NONE		DATE 05-03-11	I.M. 264-137			